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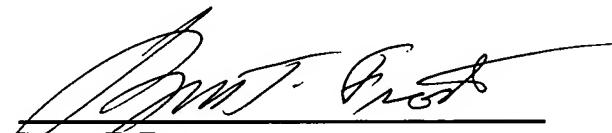
The claims are amended to remove multiple dependencies, thereby avoiding payment of the surcharge for submitting a multiple dependent claim.

The Abstract is revised to comply with the formal requirements set forth in MPEP 608.01(b). These revisions are intended only to clarify the Abstract, not to enlarge or diminish the scope of the disclosure.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the forgoing amendments before the Office calculates the total amount of filing fee require for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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